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Attorney Docket Number

702.132

First Named Inventor

Tuttle, David R.

COMPLETE IF KNOWN

Application Number

10/696,459

Filing Date

10/29/2003

Art Unit

Examiner Name

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Tibial Knee Prosthesis

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



is attached hereto

OR



was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)

10/29/2003

as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number

10/696,459

and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)

(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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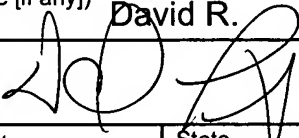
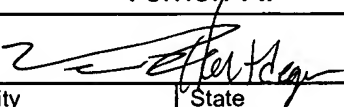
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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle [if any]) David R.		Family Name or Surname Tuttle	
Inventor's Signature 		Date 02/18/04	
Residence: City Memphis	State Tennessee	Country USA	Citizenship US
Mailing Address Apt. 702, 172 Kimbrough Place			
City Memphis	State Tennessee	ZIP 38104-6744	Country USA
NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle [if any]) Vernon R.		Family Name or Surname Hartdegen	
Inventor's Signature 		Date 2/18/04	
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Mailing Address 1284 Grey Wolf Drive			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional inventors or a legal representative are being named on the <u>1</u> supplemental sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A or 02LR attached hereto.			



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Supplemental Sheet

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Name	David R. Tuttle
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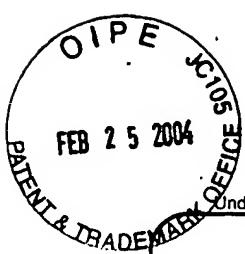
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For valuable consideration, we, David R. Tuttle, residing at 172 Kimbrough Place, Apt. 702, Memphis, Tennessee 38104-6744, Vernon R. Hartdegen, residing at 1284 Grey Wolf Drive, Collierville, Tennessee 38017-8653, Stephen E. White, residing at 1761 Wood Mills Drive, Cordova, Tennessee 38016-6131, Robert M. Fencel, residing at 926 Bending Pine Lane, Cordova, Tennessee 38018-0421, and Robert H. Schmidt, residing at 7020 Saucon Valley Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76132-4539, hereby assign to Wright Medical Technology, Inc., a Delaware corporation having a place of business at 5677 Airline Road, Arlington, Tennessee 38002-9501; and its successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter called "the Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the inventions and improvements which are subject of an application for United States Patent signed by us, entitled TIBIAL KNEE PROSTHESIS, filed 10/29/2003, and assigned U.S. Serial Number 10/696,459, and we authorize and request the attorneys appointed in said application to hereafter complete this assignment by inserting above the filing date and serial number of said application when known; this assignment including said application, any and all United States and foreign patents, utility models and design registrations granted for any of said inventions or improvements, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said application under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention and all other treaties of like purposes; and we authorize the Assignee to apply in all countries in our name or in its own name for patents, utility models, design registrations and like rights of exclusion and for inventors' certificates for said inventions and improvements; and we agree for ourselves and our respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns, without further compensation to perform such lawful acts and to sign such further applications, assignments, Preliminary Statements and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.

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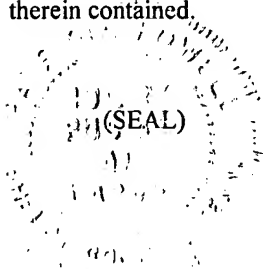
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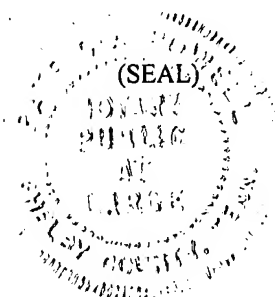
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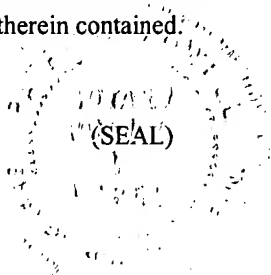
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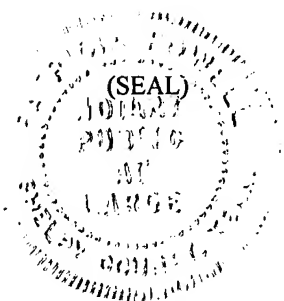
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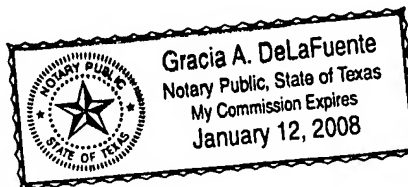
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